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FATAL WORK INJURIES IN UTAH INCREASED DURING 2019

Salt Lake City – The Utah Labor Commission’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health Bureau of Labor Statistics (UOSH BLS), in conjunction with the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), has released the 2019 fatal occupational injury data for Utah. The information was obtained through the annual Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) administered by UOSH BLS.

The CFOI produces comprehensive, accurate and timely counts of fatal work injuries. To compile counts that are as complete as possible, the census uses multiple sources to identify, verify, and profile fatal worker injuries. Information about each workplace fatal injury—occupation and other worker characteristics, equipment involved, and circumstances of the event—is obtained by cross-referencing the source records, such as death certificates, workers' compensation reports, and Federal and State agency administrative reports. The scope of CFOI incidents includes accidents, homicides and suicides that occur at the workplace. For additional details regarding CFOI criteria, please visit <https://www.bls.gov/iif/cfoiscope.htm>.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019 RESULTS

The number of work-related deaths in Utah increased from 49 in 2018 to 51 in 2019. The overall fatal injury rate for every 100,000 workers has also increased from 3.4 in 2018 to 3.5 in 2019. The reported national overall fatal injury rate for 2019 was 3.5.

The published fatal injury rates by industry for 2019 are as follows:

- 10.4 – Transportation and utilities
- 10.2 – Construction
- 3.4 – Professional and business services

Specific details of work-related fatalities by event or exposure are identified below, with falls, slips, and trips incidents accounting for approximately 33.3% of all fatalities in Utah.

- 17 – Falls, slips, trips
- 13 – Transportation incidents
- 8 – Violence and other injuries by persons or animals
- 6 – Exposure to harmful substances or environments
- 4 – Contact with objects and equipment
- 3 – Fires and explosions

Fatalities by Event in Industries

- Falls, slips, trips
 - Of the 17 fatalities:
 - 15 were Falls to lower level
 - 2 other*
- Transportation incidents
 - Of the 13 fatalities:
 - 9 were Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicles
 - 5 were Roadway collision with other vehicle
 - 3 were Roadway collision with object other than vehicle
 - 4 other*
- Violence and other injuries by persons or animals
 - Of the 8 fatalities:
 - 7 were Intentional injury by person
 - 4 were Homicides
 - 3 were Suicides
 - 1 was Struck by animal
- Exposure to harmful substances or environments
 - Of the 6 fatalities:
 - 4 were Nonmedical use of drugs or alcohol-unintentional overdose
 - 2 other*
- Contact with objects and equipment
 - Of the 4 fatalities:
 - 1 was Struck by object falling from vehicle or machinery-other than vehicle part
 - 3 other*
- Fires and explosions
 - Of the 3 fatalities:
 - 3 fatalities were Explosions
 - 1 was Explosion of pressure vessel, piping, or tire
 - 2 other*

Fatalities by Worker Characteristic

- Gender
 - 49 men
 - 2 other*
- Race or ethnic origin
 - 36 White (non-Hispanic)
 - 11 Hispanic or Latino
 - 4 other*

Utah Fatalities by Event 2015-2019

Events	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL COUNTS	42	44	43	49	51
Transportation	21	20	18	22	13
Contact with objects or equipment	7	10	10	7	4
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals	0	10	7	6	8
Falls, slips, trips	8	4	3	6	17
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	4	0	5	6	6
Fires and explosions	0	0	0	2	3
Other not reported	2	0	0	0	0

Utah Fatalities by Industry, All Ownerships 2015-2019

Industries	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL COUNTS	42	44	43	49	51
Natural resources and mining	4	4	5	13	*
Construction	12	11	7	5	14
Manufacturing	3	*	4	6	*
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10	11	16	12	*
Information	1	*	*	*	*
Professional and business services	*	*	3	*	7
Educational and health services	5	4	4	*	*
Leisure and hospitality	3	4	1	5	1
Other services, except public administration	*	*	2	3	*

For more information regarding national fatality statistics, visit the BLS website at <https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm>. For Utah specific fatality data, please refer to the accompanying tables and charts. There are additional tables and charts available upon request. For more information or to request a copy of the report from UOSH BLS, please contact:

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